

Appendix E

Parcel Evaluation Worksheet – FY 2007

Point values are based on the relative priority of the criteria as listed in the State Assessment of Need.

I. THREAT OF CONVERSION (24 Points Possible):

- A. Stops threat of development on project area; removes in holding; blocks critical access.
(6 points)
 - B. Hinders development; is located in the Forest Resource Zone and abuts Rural Residential zoning
(4 points)
- OR
- is located in the Forest Resource Zone and is within 4 miles of Rural Residential Zoning.
(2 Points)
- C. Imminently threatened by conversion to non-forest use (see definition), parcel will be converted within 5 years. (7 points)
 - D. High potential for development due to property characteristics that make the parcel desirable for present or future development including favorable terrain, soils, proximity to utilities, roads, and amenities such as scenic views and waterfront. (7 points)

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If score is less than 14 for this section, the parcel is categorized as Priority B for ranking.

II. WORKING FOREST (16 Points Possible):

- A. Parcel is currently managed as working forest, for commodity production, and landowner agrees to a management plan supporting commodity production in the future
(5 points)
- B. Parcel is part of a 1000 acre, or greater, contiguous block of working forest
(4 points)
- C. Parcel is greater than 80 acres in size
(4 Points)

- D. Landowner is willing to fix the number of potential land-owners on the property: i.e., no more than x landowners on a given area, or parcels not broken down to less than x acres, or landowner is willing to work with the county to desegregate to reduce the number of tax lots on the property (3 points).

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III. WATER QUALITY (13 Points Possible):

- A. Riparian area; if parcel has over 500' shoreline along a water body or wetland (3 points)
- B. Contributes to a regional drinking water aquifer; provides recharge for an aquifer or lies within a mile of a public water supply or drains into water supply (3 points)
- C. Parcel is in a priority watershed listed by the Department of Ecology (4 points)
- D. Substantially provides clean water for wildlife; contains a water body or system (3 points)

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IV. FISH AND WILDLIFE (13 Points Possible):

- A. Fish and Wildlife Habitat; (4 points if parcel contains a mix of fish and upland wildlife habitats; 2 points if only fish; or 1 point if upland wildlife habitat)
- B. Threatened or Endangered species (4 points if parcel supports state or federal species communities, or associations; 2 point if suitable habitat exists and will be sustained for threatened or endangered species)
- C. Parcel includes ecological communities that are decreasing or uncommon as listed in the State of Washington Natural Heritage Plan or a federal plan (3 points)
- D. Acquisition supports current or future conservation plans, initiatives or opportunities to provide habitat for recovery of ESA species; i.e. supports established HCP, supports existing management plan, protects important habitats (2 points)

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V. LANDSCAPE FOCUS (12 Points Possible):

- A. Abuts protected private, city, county, state, or federal lands; project will increase overall protected area in one contiguous block
(1-3 points based on number of sides that abut)
- B. Proximity to protected land
(less than 1 mile distance: 3 points; 1-5 miles: 3 points, greater than 5 miles=1 point)
- C. Part of a larger conservation acquisition or project with the similar goals as the legacy program.
(3 points)
- E. Parcel is part of a recognized forest landscape conservation effort with an established plan considering protection of lands in the Forest Resource Zone critical for protection of conservation values as a major focus of the plan
(3 points)

Score _____ **of 12**

VI. READINESS/COST SHARE/LEVERAGE (10 Points Possible):

- A. Forest Stewardship Plan; completed (2 points), started (1 point)
- B. Option to purchase signed by parties
(2 points)
- C. A component of due diligence completed; appraisal, title search, survey, Phase I environmental assessment
(1 point)
- D. Leverage commitment from applicant and or demonstrated willingness to cost share.
(2 points)
- E. Demonstrated ability to monitor, administer and enforce the program over time. Funding will be proved for monitoring
(2 points)
- F. Timely Use of Federal Funds. Can funds for the project be spent within one year of federal funding.
(1 points)

Score _____ **of 10**

VII. OTHER IMPORTANT VALUES (9 Points Possible):

- A.** Public Recreation; entire parcel has access for public use (4 points) or; if access is limited (2 points)
- B.** Scenic; parcel has frontage on a designated Scenic Route or is part of an important scenic view shed. (3 points if on scenic route; or 1 point if in view shed)
- C.** Cultural or Historic interest: parcel contains sites listed on federal or state database (2 points)

Score _____ of 9

VIII. CONSERVATION EASEMENT (3 Possible Points):

- A.** Conservation Easement Favored over Fee Interest Acquisition (3 points)

Score _____ of 3

TOTAL SCORE OUT OF POSSIBLE 100 POINTS _____

ADDITIONAL FACTORS:

- Favor parcels that better support state and federal fire prevention goals
- Favor a previously funded project
- Favor a project with lower cost per acre land values
- Favor a project that protects a wildlife corridor

Definitions*Threatened by conversion to non-forest use*

Forest lands in transition to rural residential use.

75 percent forested

Forest cover is at least 75 percent. Non-forest area does not exceed 25 percent (E.g., rock outcroppings, bare land not supporting native forest stands, human-made disturbance). County and forest management roads count as forested land